

## NEOTA WILDERNESS GEOGRAPHIC AREA

### Setting

The Neota Wilderness is located at the upper end of the Cache la Poudre Canyon. A mixed conifer forest dominated by lodgepole pine and aspen on the south- and east-facing slopes and Engelmann spruce and subalpine fir on the north and west slopes exists below treeline. Krummholz spruce and fir are found at timberline. Elevations range from 10,000 to 12,000 feet. Greenback cutthroat trout may be present in some streams.

The Neota Wilderness is a Class II area with respect to air quality. The area is administratively withdrawn from timber harvest. The area is infrequently burned by wildfire. There is one vacant livestock grazing allotment. The area receives some recreational use year-round. Travel into the area is crosscountry. The northeast portion of the area adjacent to Highway 14 receives the majority of winter use with very little use occurring in the remainder of the area.

The current transportation system's primary access route is the Long Draw Road (FDR 156).

### Goals and Desired Conditions

Timber harvest is not allowed. Accept insect and disease losses. Allow natural processes to be the primary actions that affect vegetation mix and structure. Reintroduce fire into the ecosystem by preparing a fire management plan to specify conditions under which wildland fires may be managed by prescription control and to design specific prescribed fires. Prescribed fire (including mixed/variable and stand-replacement fires) may be implemented to maintain a natural landscape and conditions that occurred naturally before human intervention.

Cooperate with other agencies to determine presence, status, and genetic purity of greenback cutthroat trout in area streams. Manage activities to protect greenback cutthroat trout habitat and populations and to enhance recovery.

Close the Corral Park grazing allotment, now vacant, because of its proximity to Rocky Mountain National Park.

Maintain the area's primitive settings and unmodified natural environment. Maintain and possibly improve the Trap Park and Neota Creek trailheads. Allow crosscountry travel to continue rather than developing a trail system.

Protect soil and water resources by not constructing new trails and by rehabilitating human caused disturbances.

Manage the Meadows Ski Trail for winter use only.

Manage search-and-rescue efforts in accordance with Forest, national and regional policy.

**Travel Management Strategy, Neota Wilderness Geographic Area**

Management Area	Mode	Existing System	Convert Ways	New Rds/Trls	Extent of Additions	Extent of Obliterations
1.1	4WD	N	N	N	N	N
	MTR	N	N	N	N	N
	WMT	N	N	N	N	N
	WNM	Y	N	N	N	N
	NMT	Y	N	N	N	N



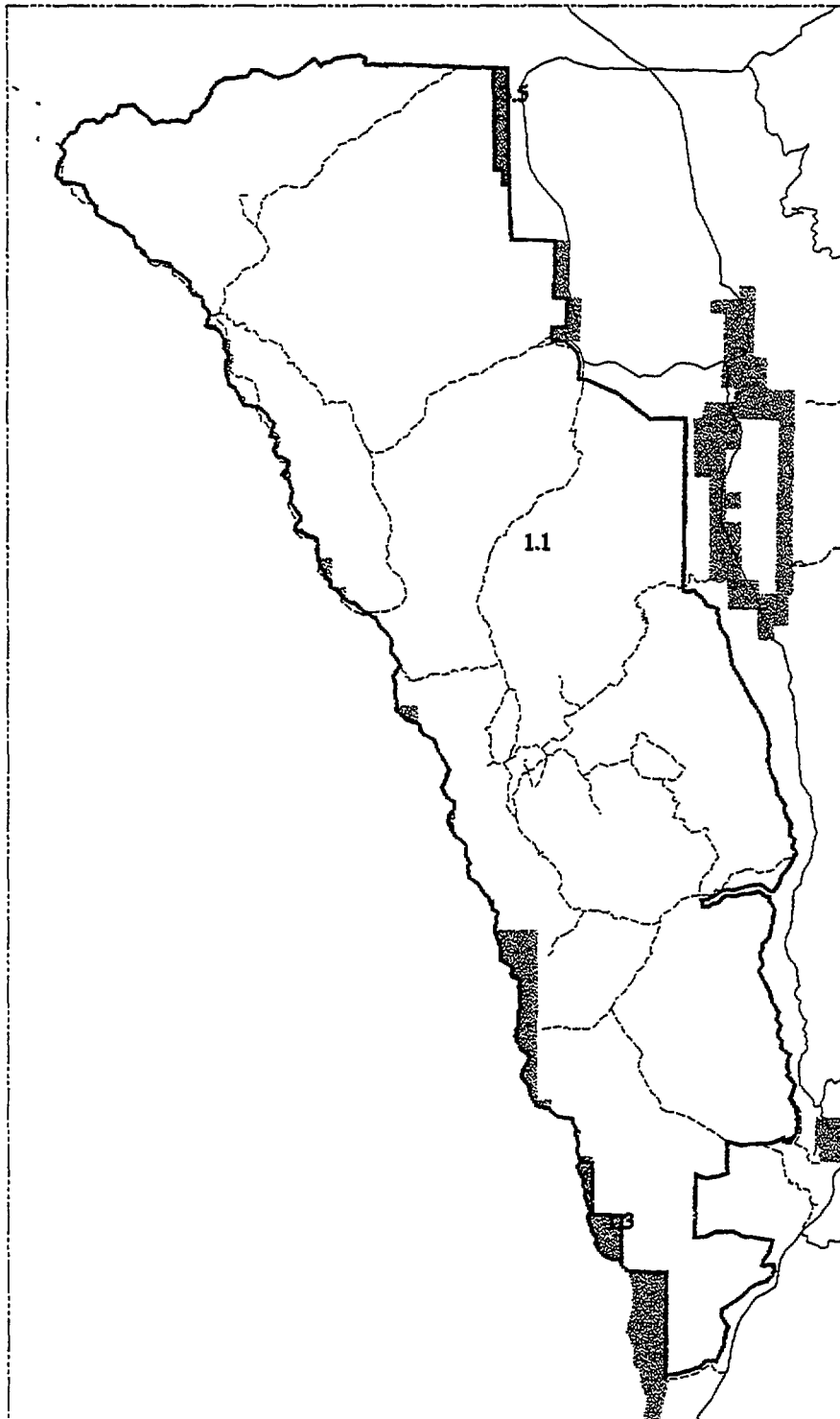
Figure 2.45

# Rawah Wilderness Geographic Area






72,331 NFS Acres    1,500 Non-NFS Acres    73,830 Total Acres

Management Area Prescription Allocation  
1.1 - Wilderness

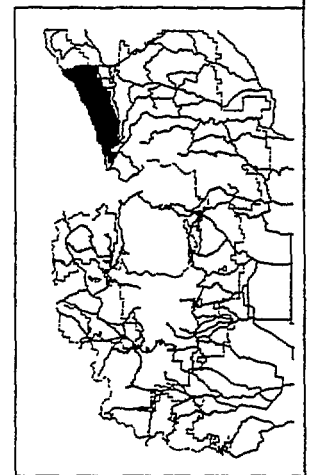
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## Legend

-  Not NFS Lands
-  Roads
-  Trails
-  Utility Corridors (0.00 Mi.)
-  Electronic Sites

## Locator Map



Scale 1:200,000  
0 1  
Miles

